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Situation Report Flash Flooding July 4, 2007, 11am Independence Day

UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

SUMMARY

Heavy rain has affected portions of west central Missouri since the morning of June 27, 2007, causing rapid rises of numerous streams and rivers. National Weather Service indicated a low probability of rain in the affected area, next rain of consequence is predicted to be Wednesday, July 4th in the afternoon/evening (30-40% chance). **Governor Blunt signed a State Declaration of Emergency Tuesday. This will allow state resources to assist jurisdictions and citizens in the flooded areas.**

County Reports

Bates County—Officials report a house exploded southeast of Amoret. Six families are out of their homes in Virginia and one family each in Rich Hill and Amoret. Bates County Emergency Management Agency reported Rockville has only one access road (through Appleton City) and that Pappinsville is now cut-off. A voluntary evacuation was ordered and Salvation Army set up a shelter at Butler High School. Only one family (of two) has used the shelter. **Highway 52 has reopened going into Kansas. Highway 71 is partially reopened through Bates County. Bates County reported no one in the shelter in the overnight, and they will be closing the shelter later today. Rockville and Pappinsville reported that the water rose about two feet in the overnight, but is expected to start receding later today or early tomorrow (July 5).**

Vernon County—Officials reported that Schell City is setting up evacuation on the south end of town. The water is coming up quicker than they expected. They have not set up a shelter. There are 10,000 sandbags and sand on hand for the flood fight. The sandbags were obtained from the Corps of Engineers office in Warsaw, Missouri. They are organizing volunteers to fill the sandbags. **County officials report that "everything is going well." They have shut down their Mobile Command Post. Officials are monitoring the situation as the waters rise. They are expected to set a record level at Schell City on Thursday (July 5) evening. No homes in Schell City have been affected. County officials indicate about four homes in the County have been affected, several of these are access problems and not flooding in the homes. Three out of four highways into Schell City have been closed. Route C is the open access highway.**

State Actions

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is operating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a limited basis. SEMA officials plan to staff the SEOC through the Fourth of July Holiday (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist locals in their flood fight.)

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) is on standby to do a fly-over of the flooded areas of Vernon County on Wednesday, 4 July 2007.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has reopened Highway 52 in western Butler County. Highway 71 has been partially reopened north of Rich Hill, they are using two-way traffic around the flooded area.

Federal Actions:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released sandbags to Vernon County for use in Schell City. They are sending technical assistance to the City to help them sandbag. USACE reported that Truman Lake is now at **721.8'** above Mean Sea Level (MSL) and they have started releasing water into the Osage River (and Lake of the Ozarks). They are currently putting water into the Osage at **53,300** cubic feet per second. They are coordinating their releases with AmerenUE at Bagnall Dam. **Please Note: With Bagnall Dam releasing 53,300 CPS, this will cause a predicted rise of the Osage at St. Thomas to about 18 feet, which is Below Flood Stage (23 feet).**

Volunteer Agencies: Salvation Army and American Red Cross are assisting people that have been moved out of their homes. Missouri United Methodist Disaster Response Team has been activated to assist with volunteer coordination. **It was estimated that over 100 volunteers responded to the Schell City flood fight. Salvation Army will deliver flood kits to Butler and Vernon Counties today. American Red Cross estimated 30-35 cases were opened in this flooding event.**

River Statements/Forecast (from National Weather Service):

LOCATION	FS	STAGE	DAY/TIME	FORECAST
<u>MARAIS DES CYGNES RIVER</u>				
TRADING POST, KS	25	36.7	WED 700 AM	CRESTED AT 40.36 FALLING FALL BELOW FS FRI PM
<u>LITTLE OSAGE RIVER</u>				
HORTON	41	52.6	WED 745 AM	CRESTED AT 53.3 7/1/2007 FALL BELOW FS FRI AM
<u>MARMATON RIVER</u>				
NEVADA	20	27.71	WED 745 AM	CRESTED AT 33.0 MON PM FALL BELOW FS THU AM
<u>OSAGE RIVER</u>				
SHELL CITY	30	49.0	WED 745 AM	RECORD CREST AT 52.0 THURS AM

Weather

National Weather Service (NWS) – reports a 30-40% chance of thunderstorms this afternoon in the affected area. Amounts ranging from a quarter to a half-inch of rain are estimated throughout the area, but additional amounts may be in the area of the thunderstorms. A 30% chance of rain continues this evening and through the daylight hours on Thursday. Highs in mid to high 80's throughout Missouri.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.